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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Extreme cold prevailed during the week, with average temperatures a little more than 20 degrees below normal. Moderate to locally heavy snows fell over the south-central and southeastern portion of the State, and only light snow elsewhere. Most of the snow fell early in the week, and again on Saturday. Winds were light, but the snow was so light that there was some drifting.

CROPS Farm activity continued in low gear during another week of cold, disagreeable weather. Some farmers are still digging out of drifts or clearing farm lanes or pathways to feed supplies. Many local roads are still blocked, or open only part of the time. Farm chores command most attention, and in some cases stretch out to a day-long affair. As weather and travel permitted, some farmers managed to repair machinery and equipment, line up seed and fertilizer supplies and perform miscellaneous farm tasks in preparation for the spring season.

Much of the acreage of fall sown grains was covered by snow, although locally some drifting, melting or evaporation left fields without snow cover, or partly so. The outlook for resuming growth is favorable in most places because of adequate to plentiful moisture supplies. The spring planting season faces some possible delay in view of the heavy snow yet to melt and resulting wet field conditions that may hold up field work for a while.

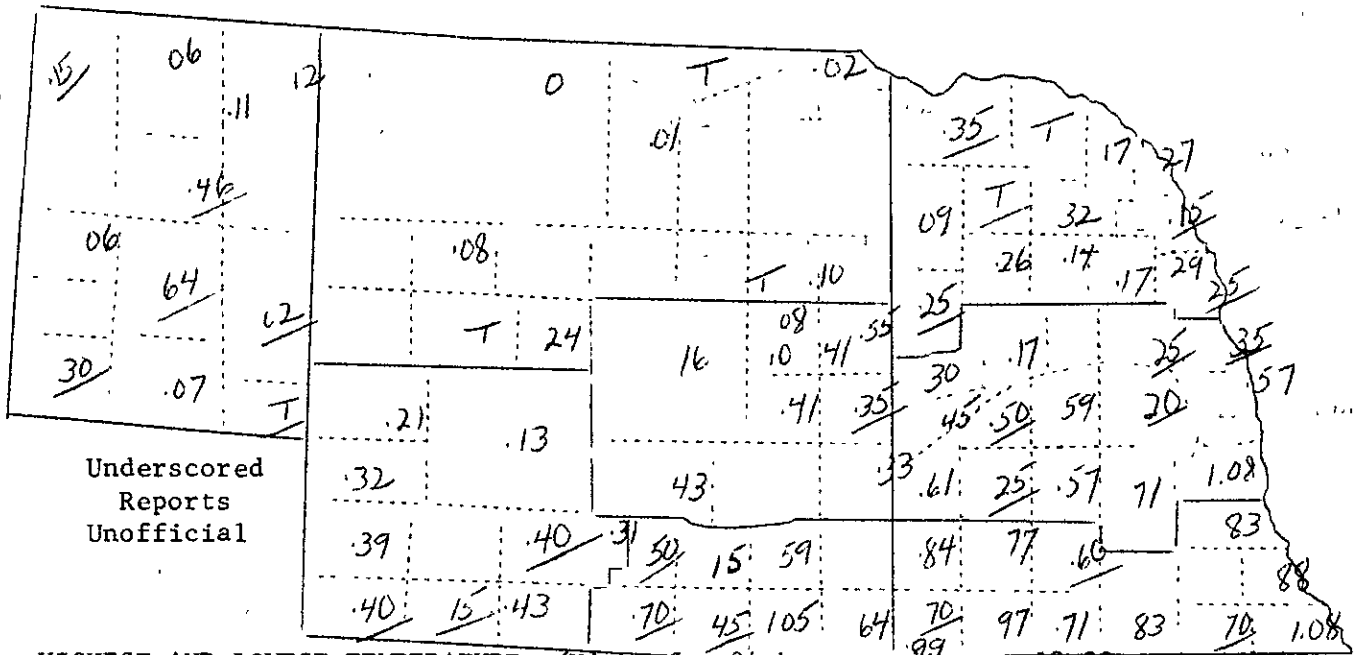
Hay and forage supplies continued to dwindle rapidly in many sections of the State. Heavy feeding of hay and supplements has been necessary in view of the prolonged cold spell and restricted pasturing. Shortages are being reported in most areas. Some producers are being forced to buy hay and shipments are increasing from the surplus areas. Some western ranges are open, but pasturing was restricted by snow cover in many parts of the State. Many producers were having difficulty hauling hay and feed supplies because of the deep snow and drifts.

LIVESTOCK Cold weather was rough on livestock. Production rates have been below usual for this time of the year and gains in feed lots disappointing. Low temperatures were hard on new born calves, pigs and lambs. Calving is getting a good start in some sections, but cold weather is detrimental and some losses have been experienced.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 29, 1960

	<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>
Grand Island	.22	Burwell	--	Chadron	.03
Lincoln	.43	North Platte	.14	Imperial	.14
Norfolk	.12	Valentine	.01	Scottsbluff	.04
Omaha	.34			Sidney	.23
Sioux City	.07				

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 29, 1960



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:30 a.m. and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:30 a.m. CST)

		February		23rd		24th		25th		26th		27th		28th		29th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	15	5	18	4	26	1	17	0	16	-2	13	-12	13	-8	13	-8
	Scottsbluff	15	6	18	0	24	5	22	2	13	3	15	-8	14	-8	14	-8
	Sidney	13	2	15	-6	23	-4	16	-3	8	-7	13	-13	18	-10	18	-10
NC	Burwell	15	3	10	-5	17	-8	17	-4	19	-3	18	-8	12	-11	12	-11
	Valentine	12	-9	12	-11	--	-16	17	-6	15	-12	19	-15	10	-13	10	-13
NE	Norfolk	12	0	10	2	12	-3	15	3	15	-7	15	-5	9	-12	9	-12
	Sioux City	13	-2	23	15	14	-7	23	2	16	-7	14	-1	11	-15	11	-15
Cen	Grand Island	15	5	11	0	15	-9	18	0	19	-3	16	-11	13	-15	13	-15
EC	Lincoln	14	7	14	6	16	2	22	11	22	4	13	0	16	0	16	0
	Omaha	12	4	14	8	15	5	20	12	16	0	14	0	10	-8	10	-8
SW	Imperial	15	5	9	-13	13	-21	13	-11	13	-10	17	-20	14	-13	14	-13
	North Platte	14	5	13	-12	15	-12	14	-5	18	0	16	-14	11	-13	11	-13

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